

From: Jeff Paulk
To: Michael Copps
Date: Tue, May 20, 2003 1:16 PM
Subject: FCC Vote

On June 2nd, the FCC will take its final vote on whether or not to change current "Broadcast Ownership Rules," and allow giant media conglomerates to grab an even bigger share of television and radio stations across our nation.

If these rule changes are adopted, it could give a tiny handful of anti-gun media executives the unchallenged power to keep NRA viewpoints off the T.V. and radio airwaves in thousands of communities across our nation -- small towns and big cities alike. The big media conglomerates have proved in the past that they WILL use their power to keep opposing viewpoints off the air and these proposed rule changes would extend that power even further.

I am opposed to these changes, and urge you to vote against them.

Sincerely,

Jeff Paulk

Tulsa, OK

From: Robert Przygodzki
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, May 20, 2003 3:03 PM
Subject: FCC Regulations under Review

Dear FCC Commission members,

I find the considerations currently being considered by your commission very disturbing. I ask that you do not ease regulations on ownership to allow still greater concentration of media in the hands of the greatest corporations. The radio service that I receive has become bland and undifferentiated as a result of many stations playing from a master playlist. I find the disappearance of local music and regional flavor from the radio stations abhorrent. The general homogenization and "dumbing down" of the major media (TV and radio) has truned me off from many stations. This consolidation also does NOT serve to build an informed public capable of participating in a democratic society. The airwaves belong to the people of this country, not to stock holders, and your job is to serve our nation's people and to protect the lifeblood of a vital democracy (media that can locally inform people)--your job is NOT to ease corporations' search for a better price on shares for its stock prices.

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From: Joseph Clark
To: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, May 20, 2003 3:42 PM
Subject: June vote

Please do what is best for the USA, and vote to keep the big comm. Companies from ruling the airwaves. It already resembles a big propaganda machine and more of the same is plain bad.

Best Regards, Joe Clark
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From: Joanne Sandstrom
To: Mike Powell
Date: Tue, May 20, 2003 4:18 PM
Subject: new regulations

The airwaves belong to the people, not to corporations. Corporate profits are not the only value in this world (not even close to being the primary value, either). The Internet, cable, and like media are not BROADCASTERS. They are narrow-casters. Media conglomerates already control too many outlets in too many markets (Minot, for instance). Please do not change the regulations to make it easier for monopolization of OUR airwaves.

Joanne Sandstrom
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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: linda k
To: Michael Copps
Date: Tue, May 20, 2003 4:34 PM
Subject: Proposed new regulations

Dear Commissioner Copps:

I urge you NOT to pass the proposed regulations.

If further media concentration is allowed, the likely stampede of mergers would give a handful of large corporations greater influence over what is-and is not-reported in the news. The public's ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints would be compromised.

The fact that you have NOT provided sufficient public hearings or input from other sources, makes me question whether you believe that a healthy democracy is best served by a diverse marketplace of ideas.

Again, I urge you NOT to pass these regulations.

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From: Alan Richrod
To: Michael Copps
Date: Tue, May 20, 2003 5:19 PM
Subject: June Second

Dear Commissioner,

I realize that there is little time left to make my opinion known. I further realize that your job is to pave the way for private companies to purchase the airways. But I have to ask you how consolidation of many networks under the control of a few can further the public's right to know what is going on in the halls of power. Democracy can only survive where the people actually have access to information. That's Thomas Jefferson's idea. When the sources of information are controlled (even the internet) by fewer and larger companies, how is that furthered? When those companies are controlled by profit and shareholder gain, how is the public's right to know advanced? When the half-dozen or so mega companies that control the sources of information are reduced to two or three, what benefit can be had by the public. Is it one of cost? Since the Telecommunications act of 1996, a law which was touted as one to cut consumer cost, cable rates have nearly doubled.

The public (the people, the electorate) have a right to information and that right cannot be controlled by those who decide what information to give out.

Thank you for your time.

Alan Richrod
Aberdeen, Wa

From: David Claybrook
To: Commissioner Adelstein, Michael Copps
Date: Tue, May 20, 2003 6:31 PM
Subject: Fw: Public Hearings

Dear Commissioners Adelstein and Copps,
I sent the following email to Chairman Powell and the other commissioners expressing my support for postponing the vote on the law changes. Thank you for your continued vigilance on our behalf.

Respectfully,

C. David Claybrook, St. Louis, MO

----- Original Message -----

From: David Claybrook

To: mpowell@fcc.gov

Sent: Tuesday, May 20, 2003 5:28 PM

Subject: Public Hearings

Dear Chairman Powell,

I support Commissioners Adelstein and Copps in their request to postpone the vote on the proposed law changes. As you know our very existence as a free people depends on "freedom of the press." Therefore any significant changes to our current structure, especially any that might hinder or limit local, independent influence of what is aired, should be made only after the changes, the purposes for the changes and the potential consequences are thoroughly communicated to all who are interested.

If the changes are in the best interests of the American people, continued public debate will validate them.

Please give us more time to learn about the changes and express our views concerning them. Thank you.

Respectfully,

C. David Claybrook, St. Louis, MO

From: avantgarde99
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB
Date: Tue, May 20, 2003 8:02 PM
Subject: proposed changes

I urge you NOT of relax ownership rules that prevent media monopolies.
Independent voices must be heard.

Thank you.
Sincerely
A. Brown

From: kparham
To: Michael Copps
Date: Tue, May 20, 2003 8:15 PM
Subject: FWD. I am in shock over your inaction

Mr. Copps,

Thank you for bringing the discussion over pending FCC legislation to the public. I have e-mailed your fellow commissioners the following statements. Continued Good Luck and Best Wishes for you.

Mr. Powell,

After hearing Mr. Copps speak on Bill Moyers PBS recently, I am in shock over your inaction. You are not allowing a full public disclosure of new concentrated media control/power changes. You appear to be bought and paid for, and not responsible to democracy but rather to international corporations. I and all I know will be watching to see if this could really be true.

"Big Brother" control over Public-Owned media airwaves is simply the end of legitimacy.

Regards,

David Kemp

Greensboro, NC

From: Lori_Roberts@fmi.com
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, May 20, 2003 8:58 PM
Subject: Broadcast Megalopolies

Dear Mr. Chairman and Commissioners:

I am writing to voice the concern of many media buying agencies I have spoken with about the upcoming vote you have before you that would allow, already powerful, media owners to acquire more stations or newspapers.

Having been in the advertising industry since 1987, I have seen many changes, acquisitions and mergers. More recently, I have been the victim of powerhouse media companies like Clear Channel, and Entercom.

It is important that you understand how their increased power has diminished the ability of ONO's to compete, requires no real quality, has reduced the level of service and increased prices.

My company, Planit Media, Inc., buys in over 25 markets across the U.S. ,buying locally wherever possible. When I send out a request for proposal for stations that I need within 100 miles, I am immediately barraged with calls from all the stations in the cluster groups and sometimes feel coerced into having to buy more than one of their stations to get fair rates. Their managers are told to "share" requests, which I consider an invasion of my privacy. If I send a request for a private company to one station, why do I have to be subjected to multiple phone calls from their "sister" stations, which sometimes get rather nasty when I do not agree that they would make a perfect addition to my already over-budget buy. It's as though the mafia is now my supplier.

Also, in outer markets (100+ miles away) where I might have a bad account representative in a cluster, that affects my ability to do business with ,not 1 but, 5 or 6 stations since that rep has been assigned an account for his cluster for regional business. This, recently, has reared it's unpleasant head when a Clear Channel rep decided I was not qualified to place the buy (only because her rates were so high and she would not negotiate or offer alternatives so I gave her none of the budget) and started calling the client (Zatarain's). Although the client backed me up, her General Manager and Local Sales Managers have decided to "pass" on the business instead of even trying to negotiate. You might be saying "Well, that's just an example of a business deal gone bad." Is it? Before, if I had this problem, the station would have been forced to be reasonable because of increased competition, but, because Clear Channel in Baton Rouge has a nice stronghold on white males in the 25-49 category, it is hard to buy around them without jeopardizing the integrity of the buy for the client.

Just the mere fact, alone, that this decision you face has gotten somehow "missed" by any news outlet except NPR and a handful of newspapers is tribute to the idea that the public would be outraged if they knew what the sheep was trying to pull the wool over on.

When September 11th events happened, did you hear coverage from your gluttonopoly of stations first? No, they didn't have time for much news, it does not make them money. It was not until complaints that they were forgetting they had a duty to the public, that they announced they would be carrying war coverage.

And, lest we forget, not just any war coverage, only pro-war coverage, and they refused to play any anti-war songs. Freedom of speech issue? I'll save that for another day.

Television stations are not AS bad but give them a newspaper and they will lose the client focus in a minute flat. Why? Why not.

You sit in our shoes for a week and you won't be singing the same tune. I guarantee it.

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From: Martina Szarek
To: Michael Copps
Date: Thu, May 15, 2003 6:58 PM
Subject: The End of Democracy as We know it

Martina Szarek
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May 15, 2003

Commissioner Michael Copps
445 12th Street SW
Washington, 20554

Commissioner Copps:

I am writing to remind the members of the Federal Communications Commission that you are responsible for ensuring that the media "serve the public interest." I am concerned that if the FCC continues to relax regulations on media ownership, the victor will be big business--and the casualties will be the people of the U.S.

The free flow of information, the benefits of local competition and the power of a diverse marketplace will virtually disappear.

As a supporter of women's rights, I am concerned that the current media merger free-for-all threatens to rob us all of the independent voices, views and ideas that nourish a pluralistic, democratic society.

The media are more than just a business; they bring information to people that affects their lives. We cannot have a healthy democracy, and women cannot pursue equal rights, if we are uninformed on the issues. The media have a responsibility to serve the public interest and ensure that all voices are heard. It is your job to promote this.

Please remember U.S. consumers and citizens when you review the remaining regulations. These regulations must be kept in place, and strengthened, not weakened. The media giants already control far too much of our precious information resources.

Sincerely,

Martina Szarek

Newspapers have long been a thorn in the side of anyone who buys advertising. Newspapers of any size will not negotiate, have guaranteed 4%-10% rate hikes every year and are relentless with "rules". What happens if you get a non-service-oriented rep there? You are out of luck. Why? They have no one to compete with. Most are monopolies. Where is their incentive to provide excellent, much less good, service? If you ask advertisers if they think that newspapers are fair to deal with, my expectation is that 8 of 10 will give them poor marks.

Please consider the good of all and vote no.

Respectfully,

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From: j.m. stapleton
To: Michael Copps
Date: Tue, May 20, 2003 9:16 PM
Subject: fcc

Mr. Copps

The broadcast ownership rules must not be relaxed. Democracy is not served when fewer and fewer people decide what we can listen to on the public airways.

Jim

From: Seth P. Bates
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein, Campaignlaw
Date: Tue, May 20, 2003 9:48 PM
Subject: FCC input on regulation and diversity in communication suppliers.

To the FCC and US Senators,
From a consumer and voter,

May 20, 2003

I am deeply opposed to increasing the span of control of large communications providers. The dangers of monochromatic and monolithic control of the media are far greater than any benefits that may or may not accrue. I like to think that we have a market place full of diverse companies competing for market, offering wide variations in programming, philosophy, and view point, but other than BBC, NPR, and CPB, I see only a leveling out of offerings. This is particularly alarming in the case of information providers, notably news programs. Almost all our local news stations are now owned by large corporations. The coverage is fairly wide but very shallow, and the differences between stations are largely the personalities of the broadcast persons we see. Coverage of local issues is minimal as well.

The number of unreported and underreported stories grows, and the danger that corporate boards will try to influence the content of news programs is very real.

Please do not promote the de-regulation of this industry. And remember that the airwaves are supposed to be PUBLIC Property, LEASED, NOT OWNED, by broadcasters...

Diversity is diversity. Not choice, not lots of channels, but lots of viewpoints and variety in philosophies and points of view.

Sincerely,

Seth P. Bates

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From: Daniel Dorrell
To: Michael Copps
Date: Tue, May 20, 2003 9:52 PM
Subject: monopolies

Dear sir ,

I feel that the information from the television network and cable news I receive has been homogenized and biased to the benefit of the owner corporations and have started getting more information from the pbs airing of the bbc canadian and german news broadcasts .

I am left with watching pbs rebroadcasts and the c-span stations to learn un biased and fully truthful facts about my country .

This is intolerable .

The old radio stations I listened to are now owned by conglomerates and are no longer interested in local affairs .

The local news papers are the same , having been bought by outside interests and merged into homogenous papers

How has this monopoly mentality happened . if there is no profit in a local station why are the large corporations interested in them ?

selling my airwaves to the highest bidder is simply giving it to the one with the most to gain , not the most to give .

please fix this , or at least prevent further degradation of my air waves ..

yours

Daniel Dorrell

From: jla
To: Michael Copps, Kathleen Abernathy, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, May 20, 2003 10:28 PM
Subject: Please don't squealch out the little guy

Everyone needs a voice in America not just the big networks.
Vote your hearts and not SIG's desires.
America can't stand anymore terrorism.
We need less big media spin and more real people views
open the media to more people and less conglomerates.

From: Wade Leslie
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, May 20, 2003 11:42 PM
Subject: No More

Your Honorables:

Please keep the free press opinionated and don't let giant corporations set the views of America.

If proposed "broadcast ownership rules" are adopted, independent voices in cities across the United States could be snuffed out by huge media corporations.

Thanks,

Wade Leslie

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From: Ted Williams
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, May 21, 2003 2:40 AM
Subject: CHANGING EXISTING REGULATIONS IN THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT

To mpowell@fcc.gov, kabernat@fcc.gov, mcopps@fcc.gov, kjmweb@fcc.gov, jadelste@fcc.gov (FCC Commissioners)

Five giant corporations currently control most of the news and entertainment on television; four companies control 90% of U.S. radio, and almost all of our country's newspapers are owned by only 14 companies. The result is an obvious skewing of news coverage which is disastrous for a free flow of information.

I find it hard to believe that any American who cares about democracy and free speech could allow this monopoly to get even worse. Remember that you represent and work for the people of this country, not the special interests who would be the only beneficiaries of the considered regulation changes.

Please do not relax any of the six regulations currently under consideration

Respectfully,

Ted Williams

Ted Williams

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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Frank Leroi
To: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 21, 2003 3:07 AM
Subject: Diversity

Please increase local diversity and diversity in general
Please do not deregulate the air waves any further.
Thank you
Frank Leroi
San Mateo
Calif.

CC: fleroi

From: DCarter001@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, May 21, 2003 7:56 AM
Subject: Proposed Changes

Mr. Copps,

As a concerned citizen, I thought it prudent to advise you of my thoughts concerning the proposed changes in the Broadcast ownership rules. The last few years have demonstrated the resolve of the media giants to make any expenditure in order to increase their market. These media giants have the financial power to effectively eliminate the independent stations, and the adoption of these new ownership rules will allow these corporations more leeway in cornering the market. As these corporations grow their market, our news and information diversity is stifled. Please make the right decision and oppose the changes in broadcast ownership rules.

Sincerely,
Daniel B. Carter
Palm Coast, FL

From: Matt Widman
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 21, 2003 11:50 AM
Subject: Pending De-regulation

I am writing as a private citizen who, in theory, is a part owner of the "public" airwaves. Me, my wife, my friends, everyone I have discussed this matter with is strongly opposed to the current de-regulations under consideration. Angry as people are when they learn what the public gave away in the Federal Communication Act of 1996, people that I have spoken too are livid about what might be given away on June 6th.

As the first line of public defense, please protect our rights against the corporate consolidation and domination of our media and the further commercial exploitation of our airwaves. While I am all for commerce, the monopolization of our airwaves by the powerful few seems anti-democratic, anti-American, unfair and just plain wrong.

Please don't let this happen to our country.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Matt Widman

From: Jason Fellner
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 21, 2003 2:51 PM
Subject: Proposal

Dearest Commission members,

Please do not vote in favor of the FCC proposal to relax restrictions on the number of radio and TV stations media conglomerates can own. This will only undermine the Sherman Anti-trust Act which denounces monopolies. Television and radio are at the heart of American culture. Unfortunately most Americans rely on these forms of media as their only news source. We all know that the owners of each station directs what information is or is not presented to the public. As a result, most American's viewpoints are shaped by those owners. Arguably, the power of information is the greatest power over people. Already, Clearchannel and other conglomerates have a stranglehold on a good share of the market. It has suffocated the freedom of information in this country and invariably has had a damaging effect. Unravelling the limited regulation that currently exists will have a disastrous effect on what is now an unfortunate reality. Small media outlets need to survive in order to !

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ffer alternative news/program channels. Their survival is dependant on you. Allowing this to happen would be one of the worst misjudgments and decisions your commission has ever made. Unbelievably, this decision rests on the shoulders of five appointed individuals. Please do not allow this to happen - we need media in this country that is diverse, free, and open to all individuals big or small.

Jason Fellner
law student
San Diego, CA

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From: David Fowler
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, May 21, 2003 3:06 PM
Subject: June 2nd Vote

Mr. Powell,

Your plans to vote to significantly loosen the rules allowing the country's largest newspapers and TV companies to greatly increase the number of outlets they own is idiotic and undemocratic. You and your Republican cohorts remind me of Nazi Germany and how they turned the country into a police state. I work in TV and you are the biggest idiot in a government position.

David Fowler

CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Reggie Griffin
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, May 21, 2003 3:07 PM
Subject: Where to voice opposition?

Mr. Copps,

Federal Deregulation, Media Ownership

I am opposed to this entirely. The last thing we need in this country is a further censorship in the media. I see this move as a move in that direction. Anybody with half a brain knows that money moves this country and its media. If large corporations own the stations delivering media then editorials or criticisms of those invested or friends of investors will be censored. That is what always happens.

Anybody that works for these media companies would not dare blow the whistle for fear of reprisal.

Is there a petition? I am in NC and I will vote against any politician that votes for this.

Reggie, NC

Great spirits have always found violent opposition from mediocrities -
Albert Einstein

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From: Jack Dees
To: Kathleen Abernathy
Date: Wed, May 21, 2003 3:07 PM
Subject: Regulations Changes

Please do not change the six regulations being considered! Respectfully yours, Jack W. Dees, Air Force Village I, 4917 Ravenswood Dr., #1607, San Antonio, TX 782278.

CC: Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Chuck Peterson
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 21, 2003 3:07 PM
Subject: De-regulation thoughts

Dear Chairman Powell and Commissioners:

I feel very strongly that the proposed media deregulation is a very bad idea. Seeing what has happened on the local media scene since the 1996 deregulation I have a hard time imagining how going further in this direction would somehow make things better. Not only has the quality of TV and radio programming become more homogenized and less personal, local media content jobs have been replaced by network-supplied programming. This idea is bad for the local economy and bad for diversity. This proposal is going in the wrong direction. More media ownership restrictions are needed.

Sincerely,

Chuck Peterson

From: Communications Workers of America
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, May 21, 2003 3:07 PM
Subject: Will you be able to trust the news?

May 21, 2003

Michael Powell, chairman of the FCC, is pushing for sweeping changes in the rules for ownership of TV and radio stations. These changes would allow big corporations to dominate the news sources in a given city or town, giving a few massive corporations monopoly control over the content and slant of news. If these changes go through, you'll have to ask: Will you be able to trust the news?

Please take one minute right now to click on the link below to send a fax on this issue to U.S. Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.). Sen. McCain is chair of the committee responsible for overseeing TV and radio. Ask him to act to delay any changes in these rules and force public comment and discussion BEFORE changes are adopted. One corporate giant could control your local newspaper and television and radio station.
http://www.unionvoice.org/campaign/trust_the_news/gx6bnzyj6xk

The agency responsible for this issue, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), is rushing through these changes without detailed public debate or much scrutiny. This is why a growing number of Democrats AND Republicans in Congress are speaking out on this issue. Click on the link below now to ask Sen. McCain to speak out.
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From: Kathryn Hyde
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 21, 2003 3:07 PM
Subject: vote

All-

I urge to not to deregualte the media empire. Keep things as they are - we need all the diversity we can get in this world. You are making a severe mistake if you deregulate the industry. Think about what you are doing to the American people. Thank you - Kathryn Hyde 4611 California, San Francisco, CA 94118

Kathryn

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From: jennifer@grcmc.org
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 21, 2003 3:08 PM
Subject: please listen...

I truly feel that no long-term good can come from the majority of information being derived from one centralized source. Media ownership should be as diverse as there are varying opinions.

Thank You

From: Chris Rogers
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, May 21, 2003 3:10 PM
Subject: Vote against

I am writing to let you know that I want you to vote against the consolidation of media companies. Thank you.

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Chris Rogers
motion / web / print graphic designer
<http://home.earthlink.net/~chrogers>

From: Brett Ian Lyons
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, May 21, 2003 3:56 PM
Subject: June 2nd vote

Hello,

I would like to express my opposition to the upcoming vote item that would lessen geographically determined media ownership regulation. Im aware that issue at this level of government are complex and multifaceted, but i think in the long term this policy would be of detrement to the United States. Please do not let short sighted, greed motivated individuals and corporations infleunce you vote on the 2nd.

Thank you
-Brett Lyons, University of Michigan, Media Union 3D Lab, Computer
Programer / Artist I

---- Brett Lyons ----
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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Mark Kewman
To: Mike Powell, Kathleen Abernathy, Commissioner Adelstein, Michael Copps, KM
KJMWEB
Date: Wed, May 21, 2003 5:08 PM
Subject: Loosening Regulations is a CRIME.

To the Chairmen of the FCC and the commissioners,

I am disappointed to hear that you shall be loosening regulations on the ownership rules. My hometown's commercial stations have been gobbled up by ClearChannel and they have voicetracked EVERY SINGLE ONE. I'm sorry, but this is not legal.

Please Allow Competition and the good ole glory days of radio to return to the US.

Mark J. Kewman.

Peace is Patriotic.

Peace On Earth.
from your buddy at
zooky.bozzysworld.com

From: Jim kirk
To: Michael Copps
Date: Wed, May 21, 2003 5:45 PM
Subject: FCC Decision

Please do not permit further aggrigation of control of the airwaves and media into the hands of an even smaller group than now exists. The airwaves are most useful in communicating a variety of views ... some popular and some not so popular but diversity of oppinions is the preferred way to go in the United States. And that is this veteran's view.

James F. Kirk

prior holder of a general radio telephone license, now a registered EE and patent attorney in California.

P.S. If you want to do a service for the public, charge a setting up fee for each new web address. Require the submission of an application. That will enable those of us who are being spamed to death an opportunity to slow the spammers down. Allow the charges for new addresses to increase geometrically within short periods. Say a year. With the right kind of billing structure the FCC might become a cash cow like the Patent and Trademark Office has become to Congress to the tune of 270 million last year.

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From: Swartele1@aol.com
To: Mike Powell, kabernath@fcc.gov, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Wed, May 21, 2003 5:57 PM
Subject: No Subject

I urge you to retain current limits on media ownership. I am a native Ohioan but have lived in five different countries. I read of other countries' restrictions on the flow of information and opinion and their effects on citizens.

I believe that truth runs grave risk of being never unearthed or, if brought to light, reburied, if only a few can give voice to their version of events. If fewer and fewer people decide what is newsworthy or important--and continually divert our citizenry with a diet of 'bread and circuses'--our citizens may lose the means of calling to account the leaders and 'authorities' for their actions or inaction.

Our democracy is a living thing, that must be fed on as much truth-telling as we can cultivate; without that, our democracy may be a dying thing.

I urge you to persuade your colleagues at the FCC to retain current limits on media ownership.

Sincerely

yours,

Jeanne

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From: Tony Zackin
To: Mike Powell
Date: Wed, May 21, 2003 5:59 PM
Subject: I oppose the consolidation of broadcasters

Dear Sir/Madam:

Most Americans still get most of their news from broadcast TV, radio, and newspapers, not the Internet nor cable TV. Decreasing competition by limiting the number of owners of the purveyors of information is un-American and un-Capitalistic and will ultimately weaken the nation. As it is it is difficult to REALLY hear both sides of any issue on the air now.

How would you feel if, in the future, Wahabi-following Americans of Saudi descent were able to buy up large chunks of the airwaves and newspapers (with foreign oil money, no less)? But you probably don't care because, by then, you will probably be on the payroll of some large broadcaster who has benefitted from this legislation.

Sincerely,

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